

STATE OF TEXAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 5th day of May, 2014 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT:	Adan Chapa	Mayor
	Phillip Hyatt	Mayor Pro Tem
	Ramiro Gomez	Council Member
	Billy Ellis	Council Member
	Vickie Abrego	Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE

PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Sylvia Carrillo	City Manager
	Yvonne Stonebraker	City Secretary
	Allen Lawrence	City Attorney

ADMINISTRATIVE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:	Bill Haines	Emergency Mgmt/Admin. Coordinator
	Michael Holmes	Building Official
	Eric Blanchard	Police Chief
	Daphne Garramore	Permit Technician
	J.P. Gonzales	Head Meter Reader
	Ron Howe	Municipal Court Judge
	Margarita Wilhelm	GIS Intern
	Brooke Ostrom	Social Media Intern
	Donna Cox	Finance Director
	Amanda Torres	Administrative Assistant
	Peggy Brown	Senior Center Director
	Rickie Kilgore	Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Hicks Mission Aransas Reserve, Heather Wade/Texas Sea Grant, Carolyn Kilgore, Donald & Jeanie Brummett, Liz Bralley, Virginia Bufkin/Relay for Life, Annita West, AP Progress, Juan Perales/LNV Engineering, Rosemary Vega/Chamber of Commerce, Bill Denton/Allen Samuels, Carol Salinas, Mike Salas, Hope Davila and Mike Reeves/Republic Services.

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Chapa called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Mayor Chapa gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. CONSENT AGENDA – “All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately”.

- a. CONSIDER AND ACT ON MINUTES ON APRIL 21, 2014.
- b. CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 2014-727 – A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15C2-12; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- c. CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 2014-728 – A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS CITY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Ellis

Votes: Aye: Hyatt, Abrego, Gomez, Ellis, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. PROCLAMATIONS FOR:

- a. NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
- b. NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH
- c. RELAY FOR LIFE

Mayor Chapa read and presented proclamations for National Safe Boating Week, National Fair Housing Month and Relay for Life.

5. PRESENTATION ON COASTAL RESILIENCE INDEX BY MS. HEATHER WADE.

Discussion: Ms. Heather Wade, Texas Sea Grant Coastal Planning Specialist, stated, she and Ms. Kristin Ransom, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve Coastal

Training Program Coordinator, met with the City of Aransas Pass staff to assist them in coastal storm preparation and recovery and to identify areas that could be improved on in future storm events. She stated the meeting consisted of a hurricane scenario building exercise and the completion of a Coastal Resilience Index.

6. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN CITY OF ARANSAS PASS AND BAY, LTD. FOR BAY, LTD. TO INSTALL SEA GATES AND RAIL GATES FOR \$2,800 AND TO REMOVE SEA GATES AND RAIL GATES FOR \$2,800 DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014 TO MAY 31, 2016).

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Gomez

Votes: Aye: Hyatt, Gomez, Ellis, Abrego, Chapa

Nay:

Abstain:

Discussion: Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. William "Bill" Haines, stated during a storm surge, the City of Aransas Pass had sea gates and rail gates to prevent as much flooding as possible to Aransas Pass. He stated Bay, Ltd. would set the sea gates and rail gates for \$2,800.00 and would remove sea gates and rail gates for \$2,800, by using their equipment. He stated the Memorandum of Understanding would become effective on June 1, 2014 and expire on May 31, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Aransas Pass and Bay, LTD. for Bay Ltd. to install sea gates and rail gates for \$2,800 and to remove sea gates and rail gates for \$2,800 during emergency situations (effective June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. Council member Gomez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER AND ACT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ARANSAS PASS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CONNECTIONS INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR:

a. SERVICES TO AT-RISK YOUTH (STAR) PROGRAM

b. UNIVERSAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (YPU) PROGRAM

Motion Made By: Council member Ellis

Seconded By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Votes: Aye: Ellis, Hyatt, Gomez, Abrego, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: Council member Ellis made a motion to approve Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Aransas Pass and Connections Individual and Family Services for Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) Program and Universal Substance Abuse Prevention (YPU) Program. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CITY OF ARANSAS PASS HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) FUNDS RECONCILIATION BY FINANCE DIRECTOR DONNA COX.

Discussion: Finance Director Donna Cox stated HOT funds were on target with the budget. She stated, unfortunately, Hawthorne Suites had a fire over the weekend. She stated the City needed \$68,000 to cover the remainder of the budget.

9. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING HOT FUND REQUESTS BY MR. GEOFF AUSTIN FOR \$4,500 FOR RUDY'S PRO REDFISH SERIES BEING HELD AT CONN BROWN HARBOR JUNE 13-14, 2014.

Motion Made By: Council member Ellis

Seconded By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Votes: Aye: Ellis, Hyatt, Gomez, Abrego, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: Council member Ellis made a motion to deny HOT funds request by Mr. Geoff Austin for \$4,500 for Rudy's Pro Redfish Series being held at Conn Brown Harbor June 13-14, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BID REQUESTS FOR DISPOSAL OF OLD CITY OF ARANSAS PASS WATER METERS.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Gomez

Votes: Aye: Hyatt, Gomez, Ellis, Abrego, Chapa

Nay:

Discussion: City Manager Carrillo stated the old meters were starting to accumulate and needed to start getting rid of them.

Finance Director Donna Cox stated there were 300-400 meters to get rid of which would generate enough money to put towards more radio read meters.

Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve authorizing staff to advertise for bid requests for disposal of old City of Aransas Pass water meters. Council Member Gomez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING A \$28,000.00 DONATION TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DODGE RAM 4X4 FROM ALLEN SAMUELS ARANSAS PASS AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF \$12,826.70 TOWARDS SAME.

Motion Made By: Council member Abrego

Seconded By: Council member Ellis

Votes: Aye: Abrego, Ellis, Hyatt, Gomez, Chapa

Discussion: City Manager Carrillo stated Allen Samuels Aransas Pass wanted to give the Aransas Pass Fire Department a donation toward a truck for the Aransas Pass Fire Chief Rickie Kilgore (almost same as the Aransas Pass Police Department.)

Council member Abrego made a motion to approve accepting a \$28,000 donation toward the purchase of a new Dodge Ram 4x4 from Allen Samuels Aransas Pass and approving expenditure of \$12,826.70 toward same. Council member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

12. CITY MANAGER UPDATES: SAUNDERS STREET.

City Manager Carrillo discussed getting Saunders Street fixed, working on a development agreement for Mr. Dustin Spiers, General Business Use Chart will go before Planning and Zoning Commission Monday, May 12, 2014, and fire at Hawthorne Suites.

Fire Chief Rickie Kilgore discussed new Volunteer Fire Department and fire training being held on last Saturday of the month.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

a. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Blanchard updated the City Council with dispatched service calls, Trash Take Back Day #2, law enforcement training, facebook activity, Click It or Ticket and Impaired Driving Campaign.

b. MUNICIPAL COURT

Municipal Court Judge, Ron Howe updated City Council on warrants: Class C misdemeanors, Class A/B misdemeanors, felony arrests, search warrants and Inspection warrants.

c. SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center Director, Peggy Brown, updated City Council on senior participation, i.e. Bingo, blood pressure screenings, transport of seniors to hospital and store, card players, craft classes, library of donated books and renting of the McSwain Building.

d. FINANCE – BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Director Donna Cox updated City Council on budget summary.

City Manager Carrillo stated City Council will have final audit report from Ms. Brenda McElwee, PC, at next Council Meeting. She stated she had been conducting Librarian interviews and the Aquatics Director would now be called the Parks and Recreation Director.

13. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Name: Bill Denton / Allen Samuels Car Dealership

Address: 2006 W Wheeler

Concern: Mr. Denton wanted to recognize Officer Harvill, Officer Travis Baker, Officer Frank Kent, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Brake and Supervisor Dennis Anders for a job well done.

Department: Police

14. RECESS OPEN MEETING AND RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Mayor Chapa recessed the Open Meeting and retired into Executive Session at 8:09 PM.

A. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS -- ALL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BID PROPOSALS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND REPUBLIC SERVICE MODIFIED CONTRACT

B. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS – GULF MARINE FABRICATORS WATER BILL

15. RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Chapa reconvened the Open Meeting at 8:43 PM.

A. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS -- ALL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BID PROPOSALS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND REPUBLIC SERVICE MODIFIED CONTRACT

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Ellis

Votes: Aye: Hyatt, Ellis, Gomez, Abrego, Chapa

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve Republic Services modified contract and deny all other previously submitted bids for refuse collection. Council member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS – GULF MARINE FABRICATORS WATER BILL

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Ellis

Votes: Aye: Hyatt Ellis Gomez, Abrego, Chapa

Discussion: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt made a motion to approve City Manager Carrillo continue communications with Gulf Marine Fabricators regarding their water bill. Council member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Motion Made By: Mayor Pro Tem Hyatt

Seconded By: Council member Gomez

Votes: Aye Hyatt, Gome, Ellis, Abrego, Chapa

Mayor Chapa adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Adan Chapa, Mayor

Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary